# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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RECOMPENSATION TO MUMBAI RIOTS VICTIMS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the victims of 1993 Mumbai riots were promised to be recompensated;

(b) if so, the amount of compensation paid to them so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to provide compensation to them; and

(e) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid to the victims?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): The issue of assistance/ex-gratia payment to the victims of 1993 Mumbai riots falls within the purview of the State Government i.e. Government of Maharashtra. As per the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, Assistance/Ex-gratia payment of Rs. one Lakh from Chief Minister`s Relief Fund and Rs. one Lakh from Prime Minister`s Relief Fund was to be given to the legal heirs of the victims, which included dead and missing persons. The payment is to be made after completing the requisite formalities.

The Government of Maharashtra have informed that there were a total of 899 cases of deaths out of which in 880 cases assistance/ex-gratia payment has been given. As regards the remaining, 5 cases were found to be not related with communal riots, in 3 cases the legal heirs were not found and the remaining 11 cases are under process. A sum of Rs.18,29,85,000/- has been paid so far in this connection.

There were a total of 173 cases of missing persons. Out of these in 40 cases assistance/ex-gratia relief has been given, 26 cases were not related with riots, 12 persons were found alive and in one case crime has been registered against the missing person and hence compensation was not given. In 50 cases where the legal heirs were not found, advertisement in the local newspapers was given for the legal heirs of the missing persons. The remaining cases are under process. A total of Rs.78 Lakhs has been paid so far with regard to missing persons.

The time to be taken for disbursement of compensation depends on various factors viz. the availability of evidence etc.

Further the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, a Registered Society under this Ministry is also providing financial assistance (Rs.500-550 per month) to the child victims of communal violence for their rehabilitation. So far 285 children from Mumbai have been paid about Rs. 98 lakhs.